



REDMOND PARK BOARD



Minutes

November 4, 2004

Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center

I. Call to order

The regular meeting of the Redmond Park Board was called to order by Chairperson Lori Snodgrass at 7:02 p.m.

Board members present: Chair Lori Snodgrass, Seth Kelsey, David Degenstein, Ann Callister, Hank Margeson, Sue Stewart, and Youth Advocate; Larissa Jones.

Absent and Excused: David Ladd, Park Board member, and Katherine Zak, Youth Advocate

City staff present: Timothy Cox, Park Planning Manager; Ken Bechmann, Trails Commission member, and Sharon Sato, Recording Secretary.

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion for approval of the October 7, 2004 Redmond Park Board minutes as presented

Motion by: Kelsey

Second by: Degenstein

Motion carried: 6-0 unanimous

III. Items from the Audience

Ken Bechmann, Redmond Trails Commission – reported that the Trails Commission would like to have two to three members representing them on the Committee for a future funding mechanism. Snodgrass responded that Adam Eichberg, Trust for Public Lands, may be attending the December meeting and would be able to answer questions the Commission might have. Bechmann will return and attend the December Board meeting.

IV. Additions to the Agenda/Handouts

- Congratulations to Austin Willey, for pursuing his Citizenship Merit Badge.
- Walk Forest Trail – 8:30 a.m., November 6, 2004, Education Hill.
- Letters of support for the naming of the Sr. Center stage and multi-purpose room after Fred Meitzer, past City Councilmember
- Closing report for Idylwood Beach Park provided by Cindy Johnson, for the summer session 2004 – operations, attendance (25,160 summer season, up 1,850 from last year – 388 average daily attendance)
- Planned residential development proposed to the north of and adjacent to GrassLawn Park – 24 SF dwellings, four of which are adjacent to the park – additional information will be provided to the Board as the project moves through the process – developer is CamWest – significant portion of the site is to remain open space – 40% (1/3rd of which is natural open space); some open space delineated as streams and wetlands and buffers. Development needs to conform to sensitive areas ordinance. Staff is concerned with the interface with the park – landscape/appropriate buffer between land uses (SF dwellings) i.e., lighted tennis courts (property is 6' lower than tennis courts) and trail linkage (jogging/walking trail) to GrassLawn in the buffered wetlands and a direct linkage between the hitting wall and the ballfields, as well as to the north.

Notice of application is on file – Snodgrass asked for further information as available to pursue, if necessary. More information will be provided at December's meeting.

Kelsey felt the Board should take a stance on this project, as it is adjacent to park property and could affect the operation of the park.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Municipal Campus Master Plan – Cox

Cox noted that all comments have been collected and staff will proceed to request that Hewitt Architects assemble a final draft, providing the information to the Board for the December meeting. If the final draft is received, Board may wish to vote on the Master Plan at their December meeting.

Cox brought information on several different types of fitness centers, i.e., Par Courses and Therapy Garden which may be appropriate in Phase III, Great Lawn area. Fitness Centers are natural in looks, provide exercise and some challenging amenities – i.e., small climbing wall and bouldering, natural concepts that might be considered in the future development of the Campus Park to keep the natural character of the plans and allow some activity to occur, important objectives. Fitness, safety and on-going maintenance are additions to the previous draft.

Cox to provide the Board with a list of amenities of Phase I of the Plan.

B. Parks and Recreation Department Budget Update – T. Cox

City Council has requested a significant review of the budget in a Study Session format. A significant portion of the Park budget pertains to maintenance. The ability to, within the budget, maintain the high level of service to existing and future parks facilities is a concern. There has been no significant increase in the parks maintenance budget since 1998 – includes existing and new facilities and areas along roadways and medians serviced by water. This ultimately puts a strain on resources and staff to continue a high quality of maintenance. Projects requiring maintenance constructed since 1998 include:

• Juel Interim Park	Partial Funding
• Edge Skate Park	Partial Funding
• SE Redmond Park	Unfunded
• Idylwood Creek Enhancements	Unfunded
• Dudley Carter Park	Unfunded
• New City Hall Landscape	Unfunded
• Nike Park Additional Park	Unfunded
• Street Trees	Partial Funding
• Bell-Red Road	Unfunded
• Union Hill Road	Unfunded
• 140 th Avenue	Unfunded
• 116 th Avenue NE	Unfunded
• Willows Road	Unfunded
• Bridal Crest Trail	Unfunded
• SE Redmond	Unfunded
• Overlake Park/PSE Trail	Unfunded

Degenstein clarified discussion that maintenance funding is only available to projects that are maintenance approved; funds cannot be transferred among other projects. Overall maintenance budgets remain the same; added parks, with no increase in funding to maintain those parks, is a concern. As noted, as facilities in parks increase, the amount of maintenance maybe spread thinner.

Snodgrass noted her concern about the possibility of no increase in Parks Maintenance and Operations funding to the parks budget due to whatever funding mechanism (i.e., park bond) the department comes up with.

Margeson inquired how long the Parks Dept. had been responsible for the care and maintenance of medians that are irrigated. Cox responded that it has been on-going, however with the increase of irrigated medians, this had become an issue of increasing concern.

Cox noted that every new project that has frontage on a collector or arterial is required to put in street trees. The City currently has 6,500 street trees which the Parks Department maintains.

Further funding and maintenance issues discussion will take place at the Board's retreat.

C. Retreat and Tour

The Annual Park Board Retreat will take place on:

- Saturday, November 13, 2004
- 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Fullard House @ Anderson Park

The Board will tour existing facilities and vacant Park owned properties.

- Perrigo Park
- Undeveloped property – Eastern and northern ring of opens space, Juel property, park property off 116th, Johnson Park, Conrad Olson, Barrett Property, LWSD school properties, Costello property, NE Redmond Neighborhood Park, Fischer property (collector street)
- Trail construction – Evans Creek Trail

Topics of discussion –

- Funding Mechanism – Polling questions
- CIP/PIP review – Input on potential changes
- Vision on “wishlist”

Casual dress, comfortable walking shoes, dress appropriate for enclimate weather.

VI. Old Business

A. Neighborhood Plans – Education Hill and North Redmond

Neighborhood Plans are currently in progress. Three Park Board members are on the Citizen Advisory Committees. Next meeting will be held on November 15th, subject of discussion - transportation issues. Various subjects will be discussed and brought forth to members, at different stages in the planning process. At various points; each department will bring staff in to report background information on facilities and what the CIP and PIP show.

B. Anderson Park Cabins

Cox reported the consultant, Cascadia Woodworks, produced a report on the conditions of the two cabins (handout in Board packets), and noted that chimney restoration took place on the Fullard House 8-10 years ago; however, the remainder of house is in need of significant repairs. Parks staff also installed a new sprinkler system.

Staff is currently seeking Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) from architects who deal specifically with these historic resources. The cabins are on the City's list of cultural and historical resources and any restoration efforts need to be in accordance, and take into account those historic standards. There is approximately \$180,000 in Anderson cabin and plaza renovations.

Snodgrass inquired if; due to the historic designation of the cabins, if other funding mechanism were available. Cox noted that a City Planning staff member, Dianna Broadie, was looking into any State and King County monies to provide some additional funding; a possible \$20,000 per project (2 cabins).

VII. Reports

- A. Evans Trail Construction – currently under construction, photos were passed around at the last Board meeting, more trail has been cleared on the north side – south of 95th Street, stringer up, plates being set – asphalt will be laid on top. Weather permitting construction should be finalized in two months. This trail will provide a linkage and pass through Perrigo Park, and from the south Union Hill Road. Next year a second missing link portion will be built. Bollards will be installed at the end of the trail, clearly marking the end of the trail, not crossing Union Hill Road.
- B. Opening Sunset Gardens Park – Good turn out, 15-20 people (friends, family, staff and Board members) attended. Tents and a gazebo were provided for rain coverage. Parking was available in the surrounding area.
- C. Bear Creek Park Trail – Trail goes through Bear Creek Park, behind downtown Safeway, east of Bear Creek. A consultant has been chosen for planning and design; Reed, Middleton, Adolphson doing the biological work. The intent is to extend the existing hard surface trail that is south of Redmond Way, constructed by Town Center, north of Redmond Way up to Avondale Way and Union Hill Road, connecting with the trail that goes under Union Hill Road. Trails specs – hard surface, 10'-12' in width, soft surface trail adjacent to it – multi-use trail on City's network/backbone trail system. This trail will eventually link northerly and hook into the Evans Creek Trail forming a 10 mi. loop around city. \$500,000 T-21 monies and \$180,000 IAC grant (matching the T-21 monies) have been secured for construction/development.

VII. Coming Attractions

- A. Grass Lawn Park Renovation – Ph. III – \$550,000 budgeted for Phase III. Board approved renovation plan 2 years ago. Track and field restoration completed in Phase I. Field 1 soccer and new backstop and bleachers are part of Phase III. Phase III centers around parking lot (adjacent to 148th), additional parking – removal of existing residence on site, new playground, in master plan for further restoration/development.
- B. Community Center Renovation – Next Phase – Recreation staff will report on this at an upcoming Board meeting
- C. Idylwood Park, Phase II, Picnic Shelters/Volleyball – Funding available 2005, design will begin on picnic areas and volleyball courts. The Board approved

agreed that the molded floor on the proposed playground would improve maintenance.

VIII. Perrigo Heights Trail and Development

The development is a 20.3 acre site located on Education Hill. Plans are to build 36 single-family homes on site. There is an existing trail on site and the proposed development is requesting an exception over a Class IV slide area to put a sewer line in. City Council is in the process of reviewing the process and plan. Single-family homes would be built on the upper part of the project, the lower portion of the site is steep sloped. Forty to fifty percent of the site is to be retained as open space (down slope side) – 11.49 acres. The existing main, north/south trail, will be re-established, some trees may be removed. The Park Board was not involved in the planning process as the property/development does not directly abut park property.

IX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Margeson
Second by: Stewart
Approved: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

By: _____
Lori Snodgrass, Chair

Date

Minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Sharon Sato

Next Regular Meeting
December 2, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Location: Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center